

\$50,000 in student loan debt per borrower. With the flick of a pen, President Biden could give a fresh start to tens of millions of borrowers drowning in debt—a fresh start, just what they need as the country begins a fresh start as we recover from COVID.

Today is as good a day as any to cancel student debt.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The minority leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING MIKE ENZI

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, the Senate is stunned and grieving this morning. Our dear friend and former colleague Senator Mike Enzi passed away last night following a serious bike accident this past weekend.

Mike was 77 years old and only about 7 months into retirement. Our friend was blessed with a great American life, and he lived it well. Mike was hugely accomplished but at the same time humble. He was powerful; he was influential but earnest and deeply kind. He was ambitious, but on behalf of the people of Wyoming, not personal gain or glory.

Mike's quarter-century career in the U.S. Senate capped a storied career in public service. He was elected mayor of Gillette, WY, at just 30 years old. He was a young husband, running a family business, but he saw an opportunity to put his shoulder to help his neighbors.

Well, to be more precise, our former colleague and Mike's predecessor, Al Simpson, gave him a not-so-subtle nudge. It was more like conscription. Gillette needed help, and this up-and-comer was exactly what the booming town needed at that time.

Diana agreed to let Mike throw his hat in the ring, and the rest is history. The mayor's office eventually gave way to the Wyoming House, then the State senate, and then this Senate.

Here, Mike built a two-part reputation that might have struck people as contradictory. On the one hand, Mike was a principled, hard-nosed conservative. He chaired the HELP Committee and the Budget Committee with a small businessman's painstaking financial eye. In fact, when he first unpacked his office, Mike was the Senate's only trained accountant. He was central to getting generational tax reform off the starting blocks. He was a policy leader in our conference. But at the same time, this principled westerner was also universally known as one of the kindest, most thoughtful, most respectful Senators on either side of the aisle.

Mike's famous 80-20 rule helped him find bipartisan common ground on a

long list of significant issues. I know he was particularly proud of his focus on the global fight against AIDS.

On the HELP Committee, Mike cut important deals with his counterpart and ideological opposite, Ted Kennedy. Neither Senator walked away from his principles; they just wanted to find where those principles actually fit together.

Mike's policy wins were many. But at the end of the day, Mike knew what everyone else around here knew: His greatest accomplishment was winning Diana's hand and building their family together.

Their marriage, their partnership, was a Senate institution unto itself. The Enzis' kindness overflowed into legendary parties and generous gifts for the entire Senate community, especially the behind-the-scenes all-stars who do not get thanked nearly enough.

So Mike Enzi departed the Senate having changed policy and law for the better because of his mind. And now he has departed this life having changed his friends and his colleagues for the better because of his heart.

Today, the entire Senate stands in solidarity with Diana at this tragic time, which has come entirely too soon. Our prayers are with her, their three children, and their grandchildren and the entire family.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Mr. President, on a totally different matter, while American families worry about rising costs, Washington Democrats want to embark on yet another reckless, multitrillion-dollar taxing-and-spending spree. Recent surveys show that more than 80 percent of Americans are somewhat or very worried about the rising cost of living. And 73 percent say they are worried about impending tax hikes. But our Democratic colleagues have dreamt up another reckless taxing-and-spending spree that would stick families with even higher costs, even higher taxes, and an even shakier economy.

The overall pricetag is so outrageous—outrageous—and the potential economic damage so significant that you can almost forget to look at all the terrible policies Democrats are hoping to hide behind the jaw-dropping dollar figure: blanket amnesty for illegal immigrants; pieces of their effort to take over all 50 States' election laws under false pretenses; a socialist price-setting scheme for prescription medicine that would lead to fewer new treatments, fewer new cures, and especially hurt people with rare or unusual diseases; a bill that would have "the swamp" redistributing money away from working families who don't make childcare arrangements the way Democrats want.

And then there is the huge catalog of expensive and radical Green New Deal policies that Democrats say they want to ram through as part of this spree. For example, Democrats want to use a party-line vote to slap an expensive new carbon tax on certain imports be-

fore American consumers get to buy them. That is after already sticking working families with higher prices due to inflation.

To add insult to injury, international trade experts warned this new carbon tax scheme will lead to foreign retaliation, costing our Nation jobs, wages, and economic prosperity.

It is a one-two punch, threatening the livelihoods of working families across our country. Just ask the American farmers who worry foreign retaliation will depress their grain and livestock prices while increasing their input costs like fertilizer.

Democrats also want a new set of top-down mandates that would crush the affordable forms of energy that keep Americans' lights on, heat and cool Americans' homes, put gas in Americans' cars, and provide a whole lot of American workers their jobs. They want every Senate Democrat to line up unanimously behind the most liberal plans to wage a war on fossil fuels.

I have said it before, and I will say it again. Our distinguished colleague, Chairman BERNIE SANDERS, may not have won the last Presidential primary, but on the Democratic side, it sure looks like his socialist philosophy is winning the war. House Democrats, the far left, and the administration keep floating this endless eco-socialist shopping list, and apparently, they expect every single Senate Democrat to simply fall in line.

They want to further expand job tax credit giveaways for costly electric cars when 80 percent is going to households earning six figures and up.

They also want money and mandates to push the entire Federal Government fleet toward electric cars as well. So wouldn't you just love to see an IRS auditor pull up to your tax audit in a \$97,000 Tesla?

By the way, the Biden administration's own statistics admit the comparable gas-powered vehicle would cost taxpayers tens of thousands less.

Democrats have even floated big Federal giveaways for electric schoolbuses, but zero help if rural schools need to replace a diesel bus with another diesel—just what rural school boards have been longing for.

And don't forget Democrats' discussion of using Federal dollars to remodel or reconstruct millions of homes or buildings they find insufficiently "green."

I remember a while back when Democrats won one outlet's "Lie of the Year" award for promising: If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor.

Maybe this year will feature a remake: If you like your house, you can keep your house.

It just does not end, Mr. President. It reads like one mass effort to upend life in places like Kentucky, West Virginia, Montana, and Iowa and all throughout the American heartland until it fits the fashions of west coast millionaires—another effort to push the

unaffordable, unworkable Green New Deal on American families who do not want it. This is just one corner of the absurd, reckless taxing-and-spending spree that our Democratic colleagues are cooking up.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PADILLA). The Senator from Wyoming.

REMEMBERING MIKE ENZI

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to pay tribute to our friend and former colleague, Senator Mike Enzi.

Senator LUMMIS and I are here, and we are very grateful for the kind comments of the minority leader, Senator MCCONNELL; majority leader, Senator SCHUMER; and the President pro tempore of the Senate, Senator LEAHY.

Mike Enzi was my colleague. He was my mentor. He was my friend. Today, my wife Bobbi and I, along with all of the people in the State of Wyoming and all of his friends and admirers here in the U.S. Senate—we are joined on the floor by many of his former staffers, many of whom still work here—all of us mourn his passing.

For nearly a quarter of a century, Mike Enzi represented the people of Wyoming in this very body in the U.S. Senate. In so many ways, as we served as a team when CYNTHIA LUMMIS was in the House and Mike and I were in the Senate, he was our trusted trail boss for our entire congressional delegation.

He served with intelligence, with dignity, and with grace. He never wavered. His commitment was to God, to his family, to country, to Wyoming.

It was an incredible honor and a great privilege for my wife Bobbi and for me to serve the people of Wyoming alongside Mike Enzi and his wife Diana.

Mike was born in the middle of World War II. He was in Washington State at the time because that is where his father was stationed. After the war, the family moved back to Thermopolis, WY—my wife's hometown—and to Sheridan, WY.

As all of us know, Mike was an Eagle Scout, so were his son Brad and his grandson Trey. They followed in his footsteps. Later in life, he was awarded the Distinguished Eagle Scout.

He went on and studied accounting. He earned a business degree, and he focused on marketing. He was pretty good at it. He served in the Wyoming Air National Guard, and he was 6 years a tech sergeant.

In 1969, Mike and Diana were married. One week later, they moved to Gillette and opened a small business known as NZ Shoes—Enzi, like his name, but the letter “N” and letter “Z” Shoes. The little business wasn't that little for long. He opened a second store in Sheridan, then Miles City, MT.

Mike ran for mayor of Gillette, served two 4-year terms. He often called being mayor the toughest job in politics, and Mike performed flawlessly. With the help of his business skills, Gillette went into an economic boom. He served 10 years in the Wy-

oming Legislature as both a State representative and a State senator.

When he came here to the Senate, Mike became a leading voice—a leading voice on budgets, on taxes, and on healthcare issues. In 2015, he became the first accountant to ever chair the Budget Committee. He brought to Washington the valuable lessons that he had learned in the Wyoming Legislature, and he put them to use right here.

He would say: Like American families, Wyoming has to balance its budget every year, live within our means, and so should America.

Under Mike's leadership, Congress passed three consecutive balanced budget regulations. During his time as chairman, Congress also passed the largest tax cuts and reforms in a generation. And those tax cuts gave us the best economy of our lifetimes.

Mike also chaired the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee in the Senate. As chairman, he spearheaded the most significant pension reform in 30 years. Mike's legacy in the U.S. Senate also included improving mine safety, helping in the AIDS epidemic in Africa, passing mental health parity.

His highest priority, of course, was always helping the people of Wyoming. Over his 24 years in office, Mike and his capable staff helped the people of Wyoming through more than 15,000 pieces of casework. They helped veterans get the benefits that they had earned. They helped seniors get Social Security. They helped people become naturalized citizens.

When he announced his retirement, he said:

I am an advocate for Gillette and Campbell County and Wyoming.

He said:

Everyone lives at the local level. No one lives at the Federal level, or even the State level.

He said:

Diana and I are your Chamber of Commerce and your economic development people for every town and county in Wyoming all the time.

Mike started several annual events in Wyoming to boost Wyoming. One was the Inventors Conference; another, the Procurement Conference; and then Wyoming Works tour.

In 2009, Mike and I started Wyoming Wednesdays. This is when people from around Wyoming come to Washington, and we get together—our delegation—for coffee, for donuts, and for fellowship. We are proud to continue the tradition today.

Above all, Mike was a moral leader in the Senate. He taught Sunday school for decades and he learned from the best. Mike's first Sunday school teacher was in Thermopolis, WY, and his teacher was my wife Bobbi's mother, Jerry Brown. Mike Enzi was her star pupil. She actually gave Mike his first Bible.

Well, that benefited all of us because, decades later, Mike Enzi became a

leader of our bipartisan Senate prayer breakfast. As a member of that group, I saw firsthand how Republican and Democrat Senators looked to Mike Enzi for moral and ethical guidance. He was a guiding light.

On my first day in the Senate, Mike gave me this book. It is called “One Quiet Moment,” and it is a daily prayer devotion. This is how he inscribed it in 2007. He said:

John, here's a book that has helped me through 11 years of the Senate. It's amazing how often the message of the day relates to what's going on in my life.

He said:

These messages provide strength.

Mike Enzi—June 26, 2007.

So the message of the day provides strength. Let us turn to July 27, today. The message is from Philippians. The message is three words: “I press on.” The message of today: “I press on.”

It goes down to the bottom, and it says:

My steps forward today may be small, but at least they are steps off dead center. Keep me moving, Lord!

It is Mike's message through this book for us to press on. As I said, Mike Enzi was a moral compass for many of us, and he always pointed True North.

He was a friend and a mentor to me, to so many Senators on both sides of the aisle over 24 years. He knew how to find common ground and bring people together better than any.

It was rare for an Enzi bill to receive fewer than 80 votes. This was by design. Mike called it his 80-20 rule. He learned in the Wyoming State Legislature. At the beginning of each year, each member of his committee made a list of their priorities. Most years there was bipartisan agreement on 80 percent of the priorities. Mike Enzi would then focus on that 80 percent on which they agreed, and he would leave out the 20 percent on which they disagreed. As a result of this approach, Mike Enzi wrote more than 80 bills which were signed into law by four different Presidents in the United States, two Republicans and two Democrats. I was proud to cosponsor many of those bills with him here in the Senate.

Yet for all of Mike's achievements in business and in government, we will miss him most as a friend. Following his retirement, Mike did an interview with Wyoming Public Broadcasting. He said there wasn't much he would miss about Washington, DC. He said it was the people whom he would miss the most.

Mike had a dedicated, hard-working, and loyal staff. Some of them returned to Wyoming, others still serve in this body today, and a number have joined us on the floor. Mike gave much of the credit for his success to these folks. I know they are all feeling a huge loss today.

Mike used to say there aren't many things better than being a Senator from Wyoming, but he used to joke that two of them are fly fishing and being a grandfather. Mike had a great